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ALLIED ACCESS TO BERLIN RATHER THAN GERMAN. IF ALLIED SURFACE TRAVEL CUT OFF AND EVEN IF COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL ALSO STOPPED, THEY SUGGESTED, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THREE POWERS TO MOUNT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY "LITTLE AIRLIFT" TO SUPPLY BERLIN GARRISONS AND PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR AT LEAST OFFICIAL TRAVEL. THEY THOUGHT COST AND EFFORT OF THIS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GREAT AND THAT IT WOULD PUT SOVIETS AND GDR IN DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. WE SUGGESTED "LITTLE AIRLIFT" MIGHT HAVE TO BE EXPANDED TO COVER AT LEAST SOME CIVILIAN TRAVEL ALSO IF COMMERCIAL AIRLINES UNABLE FLY. IT WAS AGREED ASK GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER IDEA AND WHAT IF ANY ADVANCE PLANNING NECESSARY.

ON POSSIBLE RETALIATIONS, IT AGREED ESSENTIAL PRESS GERMANS JOIN IN ECONOMIC COUNTERMEASURES, ESPECIALLY RE STEEL DELIVERIES. BRITISH ALSO REVERTED TO IDEA PUT FOWARD THEIR PAPER ON COUNTERMEASURES (EMBDESP 1865 APRIL 14), ABOUT REFUSING VISAS TO SOVIETS, AND SUGGESTED THAT IF THREE POWERS AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC, AS WELL PERHAPS AS ALL NATO COUNTRIES, AGREED SUCH REFUSAL, IT WOULD HAVE STRONG IMPACT. IN REPLY QUESTION WHETHER UK REALLY LIKELY BE WILLING DO THIS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAID HE BELIEVED SO SINCE IDEA HAD EMANATED FROM FOREIGN OFFICE.

DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING PRACTICALLY ALL OF FOREGOING WITH GERMANS ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WAS AGREED AND MEETING NOW SET WITH NORTE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

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